

# PMP® Formula Pocket Guide

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## Earned Value

CV = EV - AC  
CPI = EV / AC  
SV = EV - PV  
SPI = EV / PV  
EAC 'no variances' = BAC / CPI  
EAC 'fundamentally flawed' = AC + ETC  
EAC 'atypical' = AC + BAC - EV  
EAC 'typical' = AC + ((BAC - EV) / CPI)  
ETC = EAC - AC  
ETC 'atypical' = BAC - EV  
ETC 'typical' = (BAC - EV) / CPI  
ETC 'flawed' = new estimate  
Percent Complete = EV / BAC \* 100  
VAC = BAC - EAC  
EV = % complete \* BAC

## PERT

PERT 3-point = (Pessimistic + (4 \* Most Likely) + Optimistic) / 6  
PERT  $\sigma$  = (Pessimistic - Optimistic) / 6  
PERT Activity Variance = ((Pessimistic - Optimistic) / 6)<sup>2</sup>  
PERT Variance all activities =  $\sqrt{\text{sum}((\text{Pessimistic} - \text{Optimistic}) / 6)^2}$

## Network Diagram

Activity Duration = EF - ES + 1 or Activity Duration = LF - LS + 1  
Total Float = LS - ES or Total Float = LF - EF  
Free Float = ES of Following - ES of Present - DUR of Present  
EF = ES + duration - 1  
ES = EF of predecessor + 1  
LF = LS of successor - 1  
LS = LF - duration + 1

## Project Selection

PV = FV / (1+r)<sup>n</sup>  
FV = PV \* (1+r)<sup>n</sup>  
NPV = Formula not required. Select biggest number.  
ROI = Formula not required. Select biggest number.  
IRR = Formula not required. Select biggest number.  
Payback Period = Add up the projected cash inflow minus expenses until you reach the initial investment.  
BCR = Benefit / Cost  
CBR = Cost / Benefit  
Opportunity Cost = The value of the project not chosen.

## Communications

Communication Channels = n \* (n-1) / 2

## Probability

EMV = Probability \* Impact in currency

## Procurement

PTA = ((Ceiling Price - Target Price) / Buyer's Share Ratio) + Target Cost

## Depreciation

Straight-line Depreciation:

Depr. Expense = Asset Cost / Useful Life

Depr. Rate = 100% / Useful Life

Double Declining Balance Method:

Depr. Rate = 2 \* (100% / Useful Life)

Depr. Expense = Depreciation Rate \* Book Value at Beginning of Year

Book Value = Book Value at beginning of year - Depreciation Expense

Sum-of-Years' Digits Method:

Sum of digits = Useful Life + (Useful Life - 1) + (Useful Life - 2) + etc.

Depr. rate = fraction of years left and sum of the digits (i.e. 4/15th)

## Mathematical Basics

Average (Mean) = Sum of all members divided by the number of items.

Median = Arrange values from lowest value to highest. Pick the middle one. If there is an even number of values, calculate the mean of the two middle values.

Mode = Find the value in a data set that occurs most often.

## Values

1 sigma = 68.26%

2 sigma = 95.46%

3 sigma = 99.73%

6 sigma = 99.99%

Control Limits = 3 sigma from mean

Control Specifications = Defined by customer; looser than the control limits

Order of Magnitude estimate = -25% to +75%

Preliminary estimate = -15% to +50%

Budget estimate = -10% to +25%

Definitive estimate = -5% to +10%

Final estimate = 0%

Float on the critical path = 0 days

Pareto Diagram = 80/20

Time a PM spends communicating = 90%

Crashing a project = Crash least expensive tasks on critical path.

JIT inventory = 0% (or very close to 0%).

Minus 100 = (100) or -100

## Acronyms

AC Actual Cost  
BAC Budget at Completion  
BCR Benefit Cost Ratio  
CBR Cost Benefit Ratio  
CPI Cost Performance Index  
CV Cost Variance  
DUR Duration  
EAC Estimate at Completion  
EF Early Finish  
EMV Expected Monetary Value  
ES Early Start  
ETC Estimate to Complete  
EV Earned Value  
FV Future Value  
IRR Internal Rate of Return  
LF Late Finish  
LS Late Start  
NPV Net Present Value  
PERT Program Evaluation and Review Technique  
PTA Point of Total Assumption  
PV Planned Value  
PV Present Value  
ROI Return on Investment  
SPI Schedule Performance Index  
SV Schedule Variance  
VAC Variance at Completion  
 $\sigma$  Sigma / Standard Deviation  
 $\wedge$  "To the power of" ( $2^3 = 2*2*2 = 8$ )